



**Dear Franklin County Resident:**

As you know, Transportation plays a vital role in the economic prosperity of any region. In order for an area to grow, adequate transportation must be provided to support employment centers, travel and tourism, field to market agricultural demands/needs and the movement of goods and services.

Did you know:

- Almost 60 percent of Franklin County residents commute daily to Wake County for work, mostly using US1 and US401. This means we're dependent on these roads to keep our economy going.
- The State of North Carolina faces a \$65 billion projected shortfall in transportation funds over a 25-year timeframe (from 2005-2030) based on state and federal tax revenues that determine how dollars are coming to NCDOT for transportation needs.
- Our population has grown from 30,000 people in 1980 to 56,000 today. More people means more cars and more traffic. This growth is likely to continue and we will be near 90,000 by 2030!

Because of the importance of our roadways, the State's budget shortfall on roadway funding and our population growth, the County, Franklin County Towns and partners are developing an updated transportation plan for Franklin County.

The purpose of this plan is to identify solutions to roadway and other transportation problems and to help keep traffic in Franklin County moving!

It may take some time to fund these projects, so we need your help in deciding which types of projects should be a priority and how they should be funded.

Since roadways and other transportation facilities are such an important issue in our County to maintain our great quality of life, we need YOUR input!

**Please take a few minutes to fill out the attached survey and mail back to us or return to this envelope by SEPTEMBER 14, 2007.**

**This survey is anonymous and the County will not have your name associated with the survey unless you want us to.**

Thank you for your participation and please call Tammy Davis at (919) 496-2909 with any questions or if you wish to receive more information about this transportation plan!!!

Sincerely,

Patrick Young, Director  
Franklin County Planning and Inspections

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## **Franklin County Transportation Survey (Due back September 14, 2007)**

To submit your opinion more quickly, fill out this survey online:  
**[www.surveymonkey.com/FranklinCounty](http://www.surveymonkey.com/FranklinCounty)**

1. How important are the following goals?  
(Please **check** the box that describes the importance of the following goals.)

<b>GOAL:</b>	<b>Very Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Not Important</b>
<b>Increased Transportation Mode Choices</b> More and safer opportunities to walk and bike to destinations			
<b>Increased Public Transportation Options</b> Bus or rail service to destinations; Park-n-ride lots to facilitate carpooling, vanpooling, and transit service			
<b>Faster Automobile Travel Times</b> Higher-speed roads with more lanes and fewer intersections; more connector roads; less congestion			
<b>Community and Rural Culture Preservation</b> Keeping businesses in downtown areas; preservation of existing buildings and neighborhoods; maintaining the rural culture and landscape			
<b>Environmental Protection</b> Minimizing the impact on wetlands, streams, and wildlife areas; reducing air pollution			
<b>Economic Growth</b> Building or improving roads and railways to attract new businesses and to allow existing businesses to expand			
<b>Service of Special Needs</b> Better transportation services for poor, elderly, and disabled residents			

2. A road's ability to carry traffic should be increased by:  
(Please **check** the box that describes the importance of the following strategies.)

<b>STRATEGY:</b>	<b>Very Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Not Important</b>
Building additional traffic lanes			
Limiting new houses and businesses until roadways can be improved			
Controlling the frequency and locations of driveways and cross streets that access the road			
Making improvements to intersections, better traffic signal timing, adding turn lanes, creating roundabouts			

3. Are you concerned with safety or crash problems at any specific locations? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please give a detailed description of the location including the road name or intersection.

4. When traveling in your area, do you find that you often have to go out of your way to get to your destination because the most direct route is too congested?  
☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please give examples including road names, starting location (general area), and destinations.

5. Is truck traffic a problem in the area? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please give examples including road names or locations.

6. What areas or roads would you like to have improved access to?  
(Please **check** all that apply.)

Durham	<input type="checkbox"/>	I-85	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virginia please be more specific:
Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	US 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Raleigh	<input type="checkbox"/>	US 401	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other please list:
Rocky Mount	<input type="checkbox"/>	US 64	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wake Forest	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Warrenton	<input type="checkbox"/>			

7. Please rank the following roadways in Franklin County in the order of importance for improvement by circling the number next to each roadway: **1-Most Important** to **6-Least Important**. (Please **CIRCLE** each number only ONCE.)

A) US 401 to Louisburg	1	2	3	4	5	6
B) NC 39	1	2	3	4	5	6
C) NC 96 including Youngsville Bypass	1	2	3	4	5	6
D) NC 56 including Franklinton Bypass	1	2	3	4	5	6
E) Cedar Creek Road	1	2	3	4	5	6
F) US 1	1	2	3	4	5	6

G) If there are other roads in Franklin County you feel are important, please list them:

- 8., 9. The new transportation plan will include recommendations for pedestrian, bicycle, and mass transit facilities. Would you use the following transportation facilities instead of your own personal vehicle if they were built? (Please **check** the appropriate box and **write in** the locations.)

	Yes	No
<b>Sidewalks</b> If yes, where?		
<b>Off-road trails or greenways for walking and biking</b> (non-recreational use) If yes, where?		
<b>On-road bicycle facilities such as bike lanes and wide shoulders</b> (non-recreational use) If yes, where?		
<b>Bus service to Henderson</b>		
<b>Bus service to Raleigh</b>		
<b>Bus service to Durham</b>		
<b>Commuter rail</b>		
<b>Park-n-ride lots</b> (parking areas at transit stations or bus stops to facilitate the use of public transportation and carpooling) If yes, where?		

10. What are key transportation issues in your area?

11. Are there other roadways in Franklin County that you believe should be improved? (Please specify.)

12. How do you feel about the following statements about the link between new development and transportation? (Please **check** the appropriate box.)

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
New development should only be allowed if the current roadway network will support these new developments without creating poor traffic conditions (e.g. congestion).			
Franklin County should establish a transportation plan to address the transportation needs of the county and establish a funding mechanism to address key elements of that transportation plan.			
Franklin County should develop land as much as possible now and depend on the State and Federal governments to meet our future transportation needs, even if it means more traffic in the short term.			

13. Would you support more fees or taxes locally that will address/support transportation improvement needs locally? (State and Federal taxes do not directly tie back to a specific county.) (Please **check** all that apply.)

Local sales tax		Mandatory developer contributions	
Local property tax		Voluntary developer contributions	
State or Federal gas tax		Impact fees	
State or Federal income tax		Transfer fees/Tax on realty	
Additional bonds		Other (Please specify):	
Tolls			

14. Would you be in favor of more Regional (countywide) transportation improvements or more Local (town) transportation improvements?

☐ Regional ☐ Local ☐ No preference

15. Have you heard of the Kerr Area Transit Association's (a.k.a. KARTS) "Triangle Connector"?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**The Kerr Area Transit Association's "Triangle Connector" is a pilot shuttle bus service that will have three park and ride lots; one each in Louisburg, Franklinton and Youngsville. The final destination of the route is Triangle Town Center in Raleigh; which is served by a Capital Area Transit (CAT) stop. The shuttle will run Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Fare is \$2 for a one-way trip. For more info, call 252-438-2573 or 1-800-682-4329. The Triangle Connector will start running May 14, 2007. On June 30, 2007, it will be evaluated on its success.**

16. Would you use this shuttle system? ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. If yes, how often would you use this shuttle system per month? \_\_\_\_\_

18. If no, would expanding the route to include additional shuttle vans increase your usage?

☐ Yes ☐ No

19. Traffic studies have shown the following (please **check** the appropriate box):

	Yes	No
Medians (the dividing area, either paved or landscaped, between opposing lanes of traffic) reduce left turn vehicular accidents. <b>A) Would you support having more medians in place of middle left-turn lanes on 3 and 5 lane roads?</b>		
Reducing the number of access points (driveways) along a major roadway reduces vehicular accidents. To reduce the number of driveways, we would require more internal connections for adjacent lots, shared driveways for 2 or more adjacent lots, and create side streets paralleling major roadways for less driveways on the major roadway. <b>B) Would you support the restriction or reduction of driveways?</b>		

20. A proposed high-speed rail corridor from Raleigh to Richmond, Virginia will go through Franklin County. If Henderson and Raleigh had rail stops/stations, would you consider using it?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**This Section is OPTIONAL!!! We would like to know a little about you so that we can verify that this survey has reached a wide variety of our residents. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential. Your answers will not be sold to any outside parties. Please CHECK the appropriate box:**

21. What is your age? ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18 – 24 ☐ 25 – 34 ☐ 35 – 44 ☐ 45 – 64 ☐ 65 – 74 ☐ Over 74

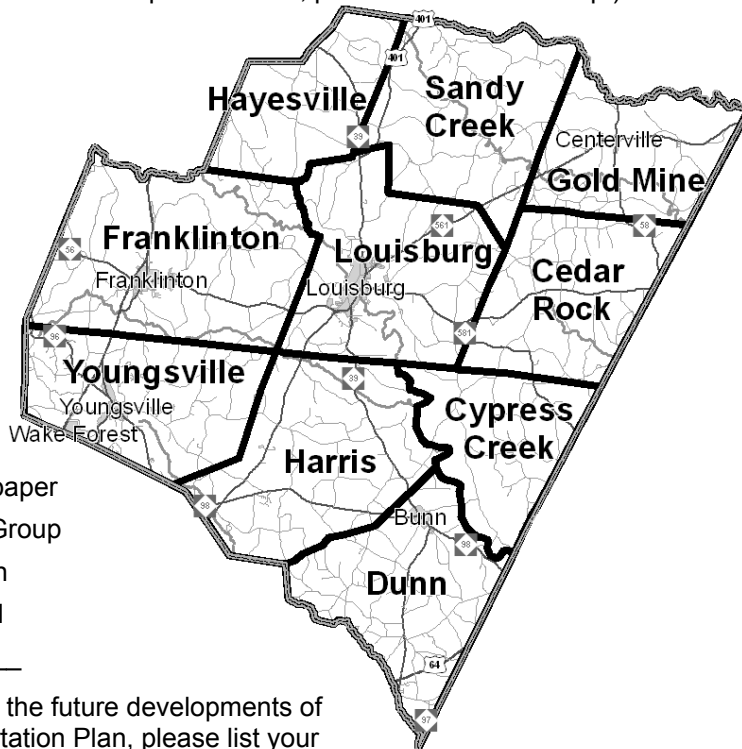
22. How would you classify your race? ☐ White ☐ Black ☐ Native American  
☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian ☐ Other

23. How many people live in your household including yourself?  
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 or more

24. What was your household income last year?  
☐ Below \$30,000 ☐ \$30,000 - \$38,968 ☐ \$38,969 - \$50,000 ☐ \$50,000 - \$70,000 ☐ Above \$70,000 ☐ I choose not to answer

25. In what community of Franklin County do you live? (Please **check** only **one** box. If you live in a municipality, check a municipality. If you live in an unincorporated area, please check a township.)

Municipalities		Townships	
Bunn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dunn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Centerville	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harris	<input type="checkbox"/>
Franklinton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cypress Creek	<input type="checkbox"/>
Louisburg	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cedar Rock	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wake Forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hayesville	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youngsville	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandy Creek	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I do not live In Franklin County</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		Gold Mine	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Franklinton	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Louisburg	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Youngsville	<input type="checkbox"/>



26. Where did you get this survey?  
☐ Survey was mailed to you ☐ Newspaper  
☐ Private Business ☐ Civic Group  
☐ Government Building ☐ Church  
☐ Website Link ☐ School  
☐ Other. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

27. OPTIONAL: If you wish to receive updates on the future developments of the Franklin County Comprehensive Transportation Plan, please list your email address here:

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!!!!**  
**PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY TO THIS ENVELOPE OR MAIL BACK BY**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2007**

Surveys may be returned by mail to:  
Patrick Young, Franklin County Planner, 215 E. Nash Street, Louisburg, NC 27549